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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Thomas WEIMER) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Serial No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: April 13, 2001)
For: PROCESS FOR FINDING)
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE)
SEQUENCES FOR NUCLEIC)
ACID AMPLIFICATION)
METHODS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9, without prejudice or disclaimer, and replace them with new claims 10-34 as follows:

- 10. (New) A process for identifying one or more heterologous oligonucleotide sequences for use in amplifying a target nucleic acid sequence comprising:
- a) selecting a target nucleic acid sequence to be amplified,
 - b) fragmenting one or more conserved regions of the target nucleic acid sequence to generate mutually overlapping oligonucleotide sequence fragments, and

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